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## **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

- 1. (previously presented) An apparatus comprising in combination: a horizontal platform having a peripheral edge, the platform mounted on plural wheels, for rolling movement on a supporting surface; a sidewall integral with, and extending upwardly from a surface of the platform, the sidewall positioned centrally on the platform surface away from the peripheral edge thereof; and a vertical jacking device having a jack foot positioned in contact with the platform surface, the sidewall surrounding the jack foot, the sidewall having a height superior to a height of the jack foot so that the jack foot is centrally constrained on the platform surface by the surrounding sidewall.
- 2. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a trailer engaged with the vertical jack whereby the vertical jack supports a load on the trailer.
- 3. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the plural wheels are positioned adjacent to the peripheral edge of the platform—the sidewall positioned centrally to the wheels.
- 4. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the sidewall is positioned relative to the wheels such that a downward force on the vertical jacking device is transferred to the platform centrally relative to upward support forces on the platform exerted by the wheels.
- 5. (previously presented) An apparatus comprising: a horizontal platform mounted on plural wheels, for rolling movement; a closed figure sidewall positioned centrally on a surface of the platform; a vertical jacking device having a jack foot positioned in contact with the platform surface with the sidewall surrounding the jack foot, the sidewall restraining the jack foot centrally on the platform, the sidewall positioned relative to the wheels such that downward forces on the jacking device are central to

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upward forces of the wheels.

- 6. (previously presented) An apparatus comprising in combination: a horizontal platform mounted on plural wheels, for rolling movement of the platform; a sidewall integral with, and extending upwardly from a surface of the platform and positioned centrally thereon; and a vertical jacking device having a jack foot positioned in contact with the platform surface and surrounded by the sidewall, the sidewall having a height superior to a height of the jack foot so that the jack foot is restrained centrally on the platform by the sidewall; and a trailer rigidly engaged with the vertical jack for delivering a downward force centrally to the platform.
- 7. (original) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the trailer provides a trailer hitch proximal the vertical jack.
- 8. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the wheels are caster wheels.
- 9. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the sidewall is positioned relative to the caster wheels such that a downward force on the vertical jacking device is transferred to the platform centrally to the caster wheels.
- 10. (currently amended) A method of providing rolling support and manual mobility to a trailer, the trailer initially connected to a towing vehicle by a hitch, the method comprising the steps of: positioning the trailer using the towing vehicle; raising a jack foot of a vertical jacking device attached to the trailer; positioning a platform below the jack foot; lowering the jack foot into contact with the platform such that a central sidewall integral with the platform surrounds the jack foot and constrains the jack foot to a central position on the platform; transferring weight of the trailer from the hitch to the platform; disengaging the trailer from the towing vehicle at the hitch; and positioning the trailer manually by moving the jacking device and trailer on wheels supporting the platform.